GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES FROM BANGALORE AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the demand for improving the air connectivity from Bangalore Airport to United States and other countries; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the plans for improving air connectivity from Bangalore to different parts of the world?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) As per the recent Air Services Agreement signed between India and USA, the airlines of each side are entitled to operate to any point(s) in the other country`s territory including Bangalore. At present, 7 foreign carriers namely Gulf Air, Lufthansa German Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Royal Nepal Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Sri Lankan Airlines and Thai Airways are operating to/from Bangalore. Indian carriers are also providing connectivity to USA/UK/Europe/South East Asia/Far East/Gulf from Bangalore either by direct flights or through convenient connections.

(b) Review of traffic rights is a continuous process based on the demand to/from specific destinations. Traffic entitlement to foreign countries to/from Bangalore have been enhanced and Bangalore has been allowed as a point of call also to France, Mauritius and Canada in recently held bilateral talks.